

## Board of Trustee News

The Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6.00pm at school.

Nomination forms for the up in coming Board elections will be available next week. Accompanying the nomination forms will be Board job descriptions and code of conduct information. Any other information or queries from interested people please come and see me at school.

**Trustees** are active leaders in our schools and we need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students.

**Trustees** have an important role supporting strong professional leadership and effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

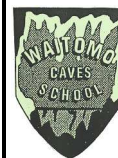
Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. Prospective Trustees don't have to be parents; they do need to be nominated by parents on the school roll. It is important that boards represent the diversity of our school community to ensure a bright future for our children. These elections give parents the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a difference for their school. It is an important responsibility and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference. Nominations will close in April.

## What's Coming up at Waitomo Caves School

22 February	Kick-Start to School classes resume
22 February	Guitars in to school by this date
22 February	Meeting for parents re fundraising event
23 February	Board of Trustees meeting
24 February	Small Schools Swimming sports
25 February	Swimming at Otorohanga Pool for COP's
3 March	COP's Swimming Sports
10 March	COP's Swimming Sports postponement date

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# Newsletter

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Term One 2010

Week Three – 19 February

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Thank you so much to our students, staff, parents, families, friends of the school and the wider community for supporting the schools 100<sup>th</sup> birthday over the weekend. A special thanks to the centenary committee for organising a wonderful celebration that was an obviously well planned event. It was an event enjoyed by so many people and it makes preparing for such an occasion triumphant.

Unfortunately we farewell Peta, Mark, Tanchia and Alex Pitts-Brown today. We have all enjoyed this reunion and thank you so much for your support. We look forward to your next return to Waitomo.

Congratulations Mrs Pease for continuing her interest in swimming sports. Heather has completed a swim coaching course that furthers her professional learning in swimming skills that she shares with our students regularly.

### Working Bee

The weekend before the Centenary there was a huge amount of work going on to prepare the grounds and gardens for the forthcoming weekend. We extend enormous gratitude to everyone who helped out at the working bee. Our school is immaculate because of you. If I've missed



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your name it may be because you slipped in, did your stuff and slipped away, thank you. Martha, John, Pete Ash, Maxine, Owen, Allan, Cliff Johnston, Evan Cornes, Helen Easton, Anthony Stubbs, Sandi Hohaia, Diana Carey, Sandra, Clive Morgan, Alannah, Steve Batger, Louise Kay, Linda Haggas, Julian, Christen Dimond, Richard Jones, Josephine Anderson, Colleen Hawkes, Pauline Holden, Carol, Marty Fleming, Jo Kete, Anne, Willy Davis, Cathy, Rob Wilson, Len Gray, Jean Rusling, Adrian, Suzanne Verry, Barbara Hall, Dawn, Rarangi, Chantelle, Tanchia Pitts-Brown and Paki. Thanks to the children for helping too. They are very proud of their school.



### Swimming Sports

Yesterday we took the senior class to Otorohanga for a practise in the big pool. My apologies for the short notice, I had overlooked the date but after a quick ring around we had enough transport to town. Thank you to Tanchia, Barbara and Rachel for your help.

Children have been training well for the small schools swimming sports that will take place on Wednesday 24 February starting at 10.00am. We will need to assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am on Wednesday morning. Could parents please contact the school if you are able to help with transport. Years 4 to 8 students will be participating which is all of the senior class. A food stall will be available.

On Thursday 25 February a group of children will travel to the Otorohanga Pool in the afternoon for more training in preparation for the COP's swimming sports.

On Wednesday 3 March our strongest swimmers from Year 4 to 8 will compete at the COP's swimming sports. Again we will need help with transport so students can assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

### Fundraising Meeting

Meet at school on Monday afternoon at 3.00pm. Let's put a morning tea together for a sports car group visiting our community next Friday. A great way to raise funds for school. Come and find out more.

## Community News

**St Joseph's School Gala** Friday 26 February at 5.00pm. Hangi, food, rides, games, raffles and lots of fun. See you there.

**Bikewise 2010** [www.bikewise.co.nz](http://www.bikewise.co.nz) It's time to hop on a bike and give cycling a go and there's no better time than now..... It's Bikewise month! BikeWise Mayoral Fun Ride. Dust off your bike and join the Mayor at the Te Kuiti Domain for a fun bike ride. 1km Pavement Peddle for fewer than fives, 5km Street safe cycle rides for all ages. When: Thursday 25 February, 2010, 5:30pm  
Where: Te Kuiti Domain (Opposite Te Kuiti Primary School), then on to the Te Kuiti pools for a swim and sausage sizzle. What to bring: Bike, helmet, water bottle, swim gear. Be in with a chance to win a brand new bike!

For more information contact: Dede Downs Sport Waikato District Coordinator – Waitomo 07 878 7867 or 027 485 3692 or email [ddowns@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:ddowns@sportwaikato.org.nz)

## Children's Work

On the Centenary we were singing Ka Poi Poia and we were singing School is Number One and Billy the Bully.

By Rawiri

At the Centenary on Saturday I got a sausage roll. On Sunday my brothers planted a tree.

By John

On the Centenary I helped Ms Easton in the library. I got two books called Magic Ponies and Bee Movie. I gave the gifts to the speakers. We sang some songs and had a long swim.

By Portia

I cut the cake. I sang too. We made a plan and we were spying on Lennox.

By Sian

I was spying on the food. I saw cake. I saw sausage rolls. I saw pies. I was spying on Lennox.

By Maddison

When it was the Centenary we sang. The girls sang, the boys sang. It was a good time. I like singing and I liked the cake. It was yummy in my tummy and it was cool at the centenary.

By Arleyah

When it was the centenary I bought a book for five dollars.

By Thomas

